



Writtle Singers

Registered Charity no 1056334

"A group of people who care about how they sing
and not just what they sing."

Ghislaine Morgan, international vocal coach and teacher

Musical Director: Christine Gwynn

Soprano: Jane Atkinson, Glyn Buckmaster,
Gwendoline Johnston, Abby Morton,
Jean Rose, Helen Sismey,
Mary Whitford

Alto: Audrey Cassidy, Josephine Gordon,
Frances Quintrell, Sophie Richards,
Elizabeth Tiplin

Tenor: Martin Atkinson, Peter Brisley,
Martin Mason, Graham Reeve

Bass: Clive Beale, Chris Bradbury,
John Buckmaster, Martin Clarke,
Peter Quintrell, Andrew Taylor

Writtle Singers is a friendly chamber choir with a reputation for high quality, imaginative performances. We rehearse at All Saints' Church, Writtle on Monday evenings. We perform four regular concerts each season as well as touring, CD recording and private engagements.

At our rehearsals, as well as preparing pieces for forthcoming concerts, we work on developing our vocal technique, tone and blend. We are always pleased to hear from prospective new members – contact us via email or ring 01992 611711.

From Michael Gray's Arts Blog review of our recent performance of Gabriel Jackson's *To the Field of Stars*:

An intriguing poetic reflection on pilgrimage and life's journeys, its elusive melodies and rich harmonies beautifully handled by the choir.

michaelgray.blogspot.co.uk

You can stay in touch with news of Writtle Singers on-line:

- ❖ visit our website www.writtlesingers.org
- ❖ find Writtle Singers on Facebook
- ❖ join our mailing list to be notified of forthcoming events
email info@writtlesingers.org
or ring John Buckmaster on 01992 611711

Forthcoming events

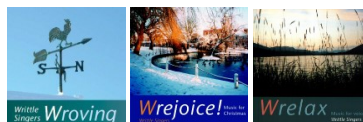
Quiz Night Saturday 11th February 2017 7:30pm
for more details, contact Clive Beale on 01245 422264

Spring Concert Saturday 4th March 2017 7:30pm
Langlais – Messe Solennelle Duruflé – Requiem

Time Pieces Saturday 15th July 2017 7:30pm

Look at our website for more details - www.writtlesingers.org
where concert tickets can also be purchased

Writtle Singers CDs



Wroving music from our travels

Wrejoice! Christmas music

Wrelax soothing music

All three CDs are available to buy tonight, price £7 each
Buy 2 or more CDs for only £5 each

For further copies of our CDs, visit our website
www.writtlesingers.org

Friends of Writtle Singers

We are most grateful to our existing Friends listed below, and to those who wish to remain anonymous, for their continuing support.

Pamela Butt, Keith Byatt, Anne Coverley,
Martin Fairhurst, Alistair Fiddes, Heather Gwynn,
Brian Marsh, Vera Mason, Graham Reeve, Pamela Rose,
Martin Taylor, Kath Thompson, Chris Watts,
Veronica Watts

For more details of our Friends scheme, please ring
Martin Mason on 01277 657774.

Writtle Singers

Conductor: Christine Gwynn

Organist: Simon Harvey

Carols by Candlelight



Sunday 11th December 2016, 5pm
All Saints' Church, Writtle

Welcome...

Writtle Singers offer you a very warm welcome to our 2016 Candlelit Carol Concert. We are delighted to be joined once again by organist Simon Harvey.

Following on from the pilgrimage theme of our recent concert, *To the Field of Stars*, this evening's programme features various journeys associated with the Christmas story, from angelic visitations to hastening shepherds, from star-led kings to the flight into Egypt. During the concert there will be an opportunity for any children in the audience to come forward and join in *Away in a Manger*. There will also be several carols for everyone to join in and the words for these will be on the screen at the front. There are a few large-print paper copies available; please ask at the door if you would prefer that option.



Seasonal refreshments will be served after the concert and you are warmly invited to partake and enjoy the atmosphere a little longer before setting off into the night.

If you'd like to take the Writtle sound home with you look out for our CDs that will be on sale - a great solution to your Christmas gift problems, too!

Thank you for joining us; we hope you have a safe journey home and look forward to welcoming you back again soon.

Warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year!

Acknowledgements

We are grateful once again to the clergy and churchwardens of All Saints, Writtle for allowing us to rehearse and perform in this lovely church.

~ PROGRAMME ~

Nova! Nova!

15th century English

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

words: 18th c. tr. T A Lacey music: 15th c. French arr. David Willcocks

There is no rose

words: 15th century music: John Joubert

Organ solo ~ Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

Reading ~ 24th March 4BC (Earth Time)

from Oriel's Diary Robert Harrison

The Angel Gabriel

English words: S Baring-Gould music: Basque trad. arr. Edgar Pettman

Reading ~ Ephiriel

from The Christmas Mystery Jostein Gaarder

How far is it to Bethlehem

words: Frances Chesterton music: English trad. arr. David Willcocks

Torches

words: Galician tr. J B Trend music: John Joubert

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

words: Bishop Phillips Brooks music: English trad. arr. Vaughan Williams

Rise up, Shepherd

American traditional

Reading ~ Shepherd's Carol

Norman Nicholson

While the shepherds were watching

words: Benedict Ellis music: C Armstrong Gibbs

AWAY IN A MANGER

words: anon music: W J Kirkpatrick arr. David Willcocks

Little Donkey

words and music: Eric Boswell

Reading ~ What the donkey saw

U A Fanthorpe

I saw three ships

English traditional arr. David Willcocks

ON THIS DAY (Personet Hodie)

English words: Jane M Joseph music: Piae Cantiones 1582 arr. Holst

Organ solo ~ On Christmas Night

Noel Rawsthorne

Reading ~ The Wise Men ask the Children the Way

Heinrich Heine trans. Geoffrey Grigson

Far away

English words: Mary Barham Johnson music: Provençal trad. arr. Bizet

WE THREE KINGS

words and music: John Henry Hopkins

Reading ~ Journey of the Magi

T S Eliot

Three kings from Persian lands afar

words: tr. H N Bate music: Peter Cornelius arr. Ivor Atkins

Reading ~ Innocent's Song

Charles Causley

Coventry Carol

words: 15th century music: original tune of 1591

The Shepherds' Farewell

words: Paul England music: Hector Berlioz

Reading ~ BC:AD

U A Fanthorpe

New Year Carol

words: anon music: Benjamin Britten

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

words: tr. F Oakeley and others music: 18th c. arr. David Willcocks

Reading ~ The Second Epistle from Joseph to the Corinthians

Robert Salter

We wish you a merry Christmas

West Country traditional arr. Arthur Warrell

Please join us for seasonal refreshments at the back of the church, where you will also find our CDs on sale.